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1. SUMMARY: CARTER PRESS STATEMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST MAY 26
BANNERED BY BOTH MODERATE AND PRO-PLO PRESS. LATTER ALSO
CARRIES POSITIVE PLO REACTION WHILE FORMER CRITICIZES
AMERICANS FOR EXPECTING YET MORE ARAB MODERATION. BOTH
SAUDI SATISFACTION AND OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES NOTED. END SUMMARY

2. AL FAJR (LEFTIST AND PRO-PLO) BANNER MAY 27 READS:
"CARTER: THE SETTLEMENT WILL BE BASED ON WITHDRAWAL AND
ESTABLISHING A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND". STORY REPORTS THAT FOR
THE FIRST TIME U.S. HAS DEFINED ITS INTERPRETATION OF U.N,
RESOLUTION 242 TO MEAN:

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-- WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES,
-- ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND,
-- COMPENSATION FOR PALESTINIAN LOSSES,
-- AN END OF THE STATE OF WAR,
-- ESTABLISHING SECURE BORDERS FOR STATES OF THE AREA.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE STORY REPORTS CARTER'S DISCLAIMER OF A U.S. PLAN AND CALL FOR THE ARABS AND ISRAELIS THEMSELVES TO REACH A SOLUTION. SAUDI SATISFACTION WITH CARTER-FAHD TALKS CITED.

3. ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT COMMENT, AL FAJR HIGHLIGHTS POSITIVE REMARKS OF PNC PRESIDENT FAHUM WHO REPORTEDLY PRAISED CARTER'S STATEMENTS CALLING FOR A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND.

4. AL QUDS (MODERATE) LIKEWISE BANNERED CARTER'S STATEMENTS. HOWEVER, IT NOTES THAT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL MAY BE PARTIAL, I.E. WITH MINOR ADJUSTMENTS, AND THAT THE U.S. IS BASING ITS POLICY UPON (UNSPECIFIED) U.N. RESOLUTIONS. (COMMENT: AL QUDS REPORTED ERRONEOUSLY MAY 23 THAT THE U.S. POSITION CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM "ALL" OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.) AL QUDS ALSO REPORTS THAT THE SAUDIS DIFFERED WITH THE AMERICANS ON TWO ISSUES: 1) THE LEGAL POSITION OF THE PALESTINIAN HOMELAND AND 2) THE EXTENT OF THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL.

5. CAPITALIZING ON THE RECENT ELECTION SUCCESS OF THE LIKUD'S BEGIN, AL QUDS RAPS THE U.S. IN ITS EDITORIAL FOR EXPECTING YET MORE MODERATION FROM THE ARABS.

--"WHAT FLEXIBILITY OTHER THAN TERRITORIAL CONCESSION DOES CARTER EXPECT FROM THE ARABS?...

--"WHAT IS THE MODERATION THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS FOUND IN BEGIN?...

--"WHY DOESN'T HE ASK ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW COMPLETELY FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARAB OCCUPIED LAND... TO RECOGNIZE THE PLO AND APPROVE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE... TO PUT AN END TO SETTLEMENTS IN THE ARAB OCCUPIED LAND?"

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6. COMMENT: UNUSUAL PROMINENCE GIVEN TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENTS BY AL FAJR SUGGESTS THAT EVEN THE WEST BANK'S MOST RADICAL PALESTINIANS ARE BEGINNING TO TAKE THE AMERICAN EFFORTS TO RELAUNCH NEGOTIATIONS SERIOUSLY. WE HAVE NOT READ THE PHRASE "AMERICAN CAPITULATIONIST SOLUTION" IN RECENT DAYS. ALTHOUGH AL FAJR DOES NOT GO SO FAR AS TO ENDORSE THE AMERICAN EFFORTS, IT DOES AT LEAST HIGHLIGHT POSITIVE STATEMENTS BY PLO OFFICIALS ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT NOTICED ANY MENTION OF ARAFAT'S STATEMENT IN DUBAI (SEE REF). REPORTS OF SAUDI SATISFACTION SEEM SIGNIFICANT BECUASE IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED HERE THAT THE SAUDIS WERE AUTHORIZED BY THE PLO TO PLEAD THE PALESTINIANS

CASE IN WASHINGTON.
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